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INSPECTION REPORT

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Partial: XXX Complete: Exploration:
Inspection Date & Time: 5/17/2001 / 7:45-10:30AM
Date of Last Inspection: 4/6, 20/2001

Mine Name: Trail Mountain Mine County: Emery Permit Number: 0015/009
Permittee and/or Operator's Name: PacifiCorp
Business Address: P.O. Box 310, Huntington, Utah 84528
Type of Mining Activity: Underground XXX Surface Prep. Plant Other
Company Official(s): Mr. Dennis Oakley
State Official(s): Peter Hess Federal Official(s): None
Weather Conditions: Rain / about 50's Fahrenheit
Existing Acreage: Permitted 4178 Disturbed 10.7 Regraded Seeded
Status: Active XXX

REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS & PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.
a. For complete inspections provide narrative justification for any elements not fully inspected unless element is not appropriate to the site, in which case check N/A.
b. For partial inspections check only the elements evaluated.
2. Document any noncompliance situation by referencing the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
3. Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
4. Provide a brief status report for all pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments.

Table with 4 columns: EVALUATED, N/A, COMMENTS, NOV/ENF. Rows include categories like PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE; SIGNS AND MARKERS; TOPSOIL; HYDROLOGIC BALANCE; EXPLOSIVES; DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES; COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS; PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES; SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE; CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION; BACKFILLING AND GRADING; REVEGETATION; SUBSIDENCE CONTROL; CESSATION OF OPERATIONS; ROADS; OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES; SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS; AVS CHECK; AIR QUALITY PERMIT; BONDING & INSURANCE.

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( COMMENTS ARE NUMBERED TO CORRESPOND WITH TOPICS LISTED ABOVE )

### 1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE

On February 6, 2001 the permittee notified the U. S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management of its intent to place the Trail Mountain Mine as well as the Cottonwood/Wilberg Mines into temporary cessation status. The February 6 letter also discussed the permittee's intent to abandon within the sealed Mine's interior what was later referred to as "mine extension material", i.e., pipe, roof support materials, conveyor structure, etc.

On March 12, 2001, the permittee was verbally notified via telephone communication "to submit an amendment to the mining and reclamation plan relative to leaving equipment and other mining related paraphernalia within the sealed Mines".

On March 20, 2001, Energy West notified the Utah Coal Regulatory Program of its intent to abandon different types of "mine extension material" underground in a letter.

On April 6, 2001, this individual, accompanied by Mr. Steve Falk of the Bureau of Land Management conducted an underground inspection at the Trail Mountain Mine to verify the removal of mining related apparatus.

The sealing of the Trail Mountain Mine was completed on May 2, 2001.

To date, the permittee has not submitted an amendment to the mining and reclamation plan to provide information relative to the abandonment in-mine of "mine extension material" and its potential for impact to the hydrologic balance. This is necessary such that the Division can make a finding relative to the impact of the abandoned material.

### 4D. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: WATER MONITORING

The fourth quarter 2000 water monitoring report for the Energy West Mines was submitted to the UDNR/OGM in electronic format on February 10, 2001.

The permittee has received the analyses reports for the first quarter 2001 sampling. Mr. Semborski indicated that the hard copy of the first quarter report is still being compiled.

The permittee is only required to monitor field measurements during April and May. Second quarter sampling will occur in June.

### 4E. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS

With the sealing of the Trail Mountain Mine, it is no longer possible for UPDES point 002 (UT0023728) which is the Mine water discharge point, to flow.

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**7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS**

There is what appears to be approximately two ten-wheel dump truck loads of coal mine waste in the surface facilities waste rock storage area. It was requested that this pile be removed to the Cottonwood waste rock disposal facility prior to final departure from the site. Mr. Oakley agreed with the request.

**15. CESSATION OF OPERATIONS**

On May 2, 2001, the permittee notified the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining of the intent to enter the Trail Mountain Mine into temporary cessation status. Active coal extraction stopped at the Mine on March 7, 2001. At that point, all mining machinery, conveyor haulage and electrical apparatus was removed from the Mine. Sealing of the Mine portals was completed on May 2, 2001, via a permanent sealing plan approved by the U. S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration. As observed this day, the permittee has placed cyclone fence on the portals at the outcrop to further prevent unauthorized access, (in lieu of backfilling with noncombustible material). Photographs of the portals were taken.

Inspector's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



Peter Hess #46

Date: May 17, 2001

Note: This inspection report does not constitute an affidavit of compliance with the regulatory program of the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining.

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